

REISSUE DECLARATION

☐ Original ☒ Supplemental ☐ Substitute ☐ PCT ☐ DESIGN

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

of which is described and claimed in:

☐ the attached specification, or

☐ the specification in application Serial No. ____, filed ____, and with amendments through (if applicable),

☐ the specification in International Application No. ____, filed ____, and as amended on ____ (if applicable), or

☒ letters patent number 5,600,672 granted on February 4, 1997 and in the specification in reissue application 09/668,068, filed September 25, 2000.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the content of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 (and §172 if this application is for a Design) of any application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	3-62798	March 27, 1991	Yes
Japan	3-95813	April 25, 1991	Yes
Japan	3-155650	May 29, 1991	Yes
Japan	3-182236	July 23, 1991	Yes
Japan	4-60739	March 17, 1992	Yes
Japan	5-132984	May 10, 1993	Yes
Japan	5-261612	September 24, 1993	Yes
Japan	5-349972	December 27, 1993	Yes
Japan	6-79668	March 24, 1994	Yes

I verily believe that the above original patent is partly inoperative by reason of claiming less than I had a right to claim.

A Statement of at least One Error

The claims of the original patent do not recite a transmission apparatus including a trellis encoder operable to trellis encode a second data stream to produce a trellis encoded data stream, a modulator operable to modulate a first data stream, without being trellis encoded, to an m-level VSB modulated signal and modulate the trellis encoded data stream to an n-level VSB modulated signal, n being an integer larger than m, wherein the first data stream has synchronization data represented by at least one unique word.

All errors being corrected in this reissue application, including any errors not covered by a prior declaration submitted in this application, up to the time of filing of the present declaration, arose without any deceptive intention on my part or on my behalf.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

APPLICATION SERIAL NO.	U.S. FILING DATE	STATUS: PATENTED, PENDING, ABANDONED
07/857,627	March 25, 1992	ABANDONED
09/244,037	February 4, 1999	PENDING

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I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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The above application may be more particularly identified as follows:

U.S. Application Serial No. 09/668,068 Filing Date September 25, 2000

Applicant Reference Number 531939 MaI Atty Docket No. 2000_1309

Title of Invention COMMUNICATION SYSTEM